

# House District 16 Representative

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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Ben Kellie

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Jack (1), and Emerson (6)

**OCCUPATION:** Marketing and  
Communications CEO

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:**  
2019-Present

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Anchorage, 2019-present

**EDUCATION:**  
LSU, BA Mass Communications  
American University of Paris, MA Public Policy and  
International Law  
Oxford University, Certificate in International Human  
Rights Law

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Founder + CEO, Wild Awake Creative and Delve  
(2016 - present)  
Delegate, U.S. Department of State Professional  
Fellows Program (2016)  
Senior Advisor, Nordic International Support  
Foundation (2016)  
Director of Marketing, TechChange (2015)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
I’m co-founding Home Restored, an Anchorage-based  
nonprofit.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Hiking, reading, fishing.

**OTHER:**  
In my personal life, my husband Ben and I support  
our community through public service and advocacy.  
In 2021, we housed a family of refugees and have  
continued part-time guardianship of two of the teens.  
My goal is for the next generation to have remarkable  
opportunities in our state and for Alaska to be a place  
where all can thrive.

**STATEMENT:**  
I am running for office to create an inclusive economy  
where everyone thrives. My priorities are interconnected  
and focus on securing our state for future generations.

It is crucial that we create better conditions for small  
businesses, advocate for and invest in families,  
strengthen our workforce, and fiercely defend individual  
rights. Neighbors and community members have made  
it clear—the status quo cannot continue. In Juneau, I  
will be committed to finding ways to lessen the burdens  
carried by businesses and families in this state.

I strongly believe in the merits of streamlining  
government, but recent cuts to the state budget have  
gone beyond streamlined—they have reduced Alaskan’s  
trust in our institutions and made daily life even more  
difficult. Deferred maintenance, minimal ferry service,  
and understaffed state offices are the product of cuts  
that were billed as cost savings, but really shifted costs  
on to the individual and made government less efficient.

The state is no longer 90% funded by resource  
extraction, and we cannot continue structuring our  
economy as if that’s the case. The instability of the  
past decade has put Alaska towards the bottom of the  
best states for businesses, but we have the opportunity  
to diversify and stabilize our economy, attract new  
businesses, and predictably fund state services.

As a legislator, I will always work with a long term  
vision for Alaska in mind.

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